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SUBJ: STRIKE AT ESSO-PAPPAS REFINERY

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF MAY 22 REPORT 48-HOUR STRIKE BY LOCAL ESSO-PAPPAS REFINERY WHICH BEGAN AT 2400 MAY 21. ACCORDING TO REPORT, STRIKERS ARE DEMANDING 30 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE. ROUTINE OIL DELIVERIES TO GREEK MILITARY, OLYMPIC AIRLINES, AND HOSPITALS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

2. COMMENT: REFINERY MANAGER GEORGOPOULOS REPORTS THAT STRIKE AFFECTS PERSONNEL AT BOTH REFINERY AND CHEMICAL PLANT. IN ADDITION TO WAGE INCREASE, PERSONNEL DEMANDING VARIETY OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES AND TOTAL PACKAGE IS CLOSE TO 70 PERCENT. GEORGOPOULOS NOTED THAT CURRENT ESSO WAGES ARE AN AVERAGE 20-30 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THOSE OF GREEK OR FOREIGN PLANTS HERE AND NEW DEMANDS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC. GIVEN THIS IMPASSE, HE ADDED THAT STRIKE MAY WELL STRETCH BEYOND 48-HOUR LIMIT. JACKSON

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